



2026 Excellence in Interprofessional Education Collaboration Award

AWARD NOMINATION PACKAGE



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Through the [IPEC/COF Excellence in Interprofessional Education Collaboration Award](#), the [Interprofessional Education Collaborative](#) (IPEC), in partnership with the United States Public Health Service [Commissioned Officers Foundation for the Advancement of Public Health](#) (COF), annually recognizes an interprofessional team of health professional learners and/or faculty whose collaborative efforts significantly advance community health, knowledge, awareness, or behavior. Projects should demonstrate a clear link between interprofessional practice and measurable outcomes (community practice, public health education, or research).

ELIGIBILITY

- Principal Investigator/Group Lead must be a **health professions student or faculty member**.
- Team must be **interprofessional** (≥ 2 health professions represented).
- Project must demonstrate **impact resulting from interprofessional practice**.

Submission rules:

- Each health professional school or dedicated IPE/IPP center may submit **only one application**.
- Students or faculty may participate in **multiple projects across different schools**.
 - Example: Faculty from the University of Washington School of Pharmacy could submit a project with the School of Public Health on blood pressure management and also support a submission with the School of Medicine on rural community outreach.

AWARD CRITERIA

Submissions should address:

- [IPEC Core Competencies for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice](#).
- **Scholarship in interprofessional practice**, particularly in public health, social determinants of health, and health equity.
- Engagement with **community leaders** and fostering **creativity and innovation** across sectors for lasting impact.

Evidence of **measurable outcomes** and dissemination plans (poster, journal, CE publication, or webinar).

Examples of topic areas include: the opioid epidemic; COVID-19; nutrition and weight management services; mental health, wellness, and resiliency; sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS education; environmental health education; and interventions to address chronic diseases.

SCORING/EVALUATING

Applications reviewed by the IPEC/COF Award Review Committee, approved by COF leadership and the IPEC Executive Board. Projects are scored on:

- Idea/topic significance
- Creativity and innovation
- Organization and clarity
- Evidence of outcomes
- Interdisciplinary collaboration
- Measurable impact

Award notifications: by April 14, 2026 via email

AWARD PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION

One Overall National Awardee presented at the IPEC Annual Member Meeting. Up to \$1,000 in travel and accommodations covered if in-person.

Honorable Mentions in five categories:

1. Health Communications and Health Technology
2. Behavioral Health
3. Public Health Infrastructure
4. Community Empowerment and Education
5. At Risk and Vulnerable Communities

Honorable mention recipients will receive certificates, may present posters, and are invited to participate in the IPEC Meeting. Travel expenses, if in-person, are the responsibility of finalists.

Examples of previous awardees: [IPEC Collaboration Award Recipients](#)

Learn more and apply by February 27, 2026 at
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